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SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO OMEGA NAVIGATIONAL STATION AGREEMENT LIBERIA

REFS: (A) OMEGA AGREEMENT EFFECTED BY EXCHANGE OF NOTES  
IN MONROVIA APRIL 10 AND 19, 1973, (B) 77 MONROVIA 7526,  
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1. DRAFT OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO AMEND OMEGA AGREEMENT WHICH  
INCORPORATED LANGUAGE SUGGESTED REFTEL C WAS SUBMITTED TO  
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND TRANSPORTATION (LIBERIAN  
GOVERNMENTAL UNIT RESPONSIBLE FOR OMEGA MATTERS) IN JANUARY  
1978 FOR VERBAL APPROVAL PRIOR TO SUBMITTING NOTE TO FOREIGN  
MINISTRY.

2. IN MARCH VERBAL APPROVAL OF NOTE FINALLY PROVIDED  
BY DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION ANDY KENNEDY OF MINISTRY  
OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND TRANSPORTATION. NOTE SUBMITTED TO  
FOREIGN MINISTRY MARCH 23, 1978.

3. SINCE MARCH, VISITS OF HEADS OF STATE AND OTHER  
DIGNITARIES TO LIBERIA AND TRAVEL OF PRESIDENT TOLBERT  
HAVE CAUSED DISTRACTIONS WITHIN FOREIGN MINISTRY WHICH  
DELAYED ACTION ON NOTE. NOTE CURRENTLY HELD UP IN  
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MINISTRY OF JUSTICE.

4. EMBOFF MET WITH DEPUTY MINISTER OF JUSTICE ROBERT  
TUBMAN JLY 7 TO DISCUSS PROPOSED AMENDMENT. MINISTER  
TUBMAN NOW UNDERSTANDS NEED TO AMEND AGREEMENT TO EXTEND  
DATE UPON WHICH LIBERIANS WILL ASSUME STATION MANAGEMENT  
RESPONSIBILITY.

5. ONLY RESERVATION HELD BY MINISTER TUBMAN ON LANGUAGE OF NOTE INVOLVES WORDING OF LAST SENTENCE OF PARA FOUR OF NOTE AS WE ARE AMENDING IT. LANGUAGE LAST SENTENCE PARA FOUR OF ORIGINAL 1973 AGREEMENT READS QUOTE SUCH PERSONNEL DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF LIBERIA AND TRAINED PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT SHALL ASSUME CONTROL OF THE BUILDINGS AND OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE STATION WITHIN A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THE OPERATION OF THE STATION, EXCEPT IF AT THE END OF SAID PERIOD THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AGREE OTHERWISE END QUOTE. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ABOVE SENTENCE READS QUOTE SUCH PERSONNEL DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF LIBERIA AND TRAINED PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT SHALL ASSUME CONTROL OF THE BUILDINGS AND OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE STATION ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 1982, EXCEPT IF AT SAID DATE THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AGREE OTHERWISE END QUOTE. MINISTER TUBMAN WISHES TO DELETE LAST TEN WORDS OF AMENDED VERSION (QUOTE EXCEPT IF AT SAID DATE THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AGREE OTHERWISE END QUOTE).

6. IN CONVERSATION MINISTER TUBMAN CONCEDED THAT IF IN JANUARY 1982 NO APPROPRIATELY TRAINED LIBERIANS ARE AVAILABLE TO ASSUME OMEGA MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY, AND U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN DILIGENT IN ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE AND TRAIN LIBERIAN PERSONNEL, THEN USG CANNOT BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HELD AT FAULT AND IT MAY BECOME NECESSARY TO EXTEND DATE A SECOND TIME. MINISTER TUBMAN STATED FUNDAMENTAL REASON FOR WISHING TO EXCLUDE LAST TEN WORDS OF AMENDED VERSION OF PARA FOUR WAS TO HAVE AMENDED AGREEMENT REFLECT OPTIMISM AND COMMITMENT TO DEVELOP TRAINED LIBERIAN MANAGEMENT TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE STATION ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 1982, PERIOD. NO OBJECTION RAISED TO THREE-MEMBER TEAM OF AMERICANS WHO ARE TO REMAIN AS ADVISORS TO LIBERIAN STAFF FOR INDEFINITE PERIOD WHICH IS MENTIONED IN NOTE AS PART OF FIVE-YEAR TRAINING PROGRAM.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: SINCE DELETION OF OBJECTIONABLE LANGUAGE OUTLINED ABOVE WOULD NOT ALTER SUBSTANCE OF AMENDMENT, AND IN VIEW OF POSITIVE COMMITMENT OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS TO DEVELOP LIBERIAN STATION MANAGEMENT ON/ABOUT JANUARY 1982, REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO DELETE LAST TEN WORDS PARA FOUR OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT SO THAT EXCHANGE OF NOTES CAN PROCEED.  
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